

## Teachers Stage Walk - Out

### Students Throng School Offices To Demand Quick Return.

Albemarle High's entire teaching staff staged a general walk-out today when repeated demands for class changes were refused by principal, Harry S. Mc-

John L. Fry, called a strike when the bargaining conferences in the Study Hall failed to produce the desired results for the oppressed teachers. John L. Fry's action has been officially backed by the Federation of Albemarle Musicians, led by Mr. Petrillo Hatley. Mr. Hatley stated that if drastic action had to be used, he would suspend all musical programs and classes in Stanly County until the teachers' demands are met.

The teachers have withdrawn from their previous, minor demands but picket signs clearly indicate what they really have in mind. A personal interview with Miss Morton, revealed the desires of the majority of teachers. They are asking for students like Gene Harwood, Jack Palmer, Sonny Joe Morton, Farrell Ridenour, Charles Bowers, and Roger...

The school had been closed for hours, A. H. S. students occupied the offices of McFadyen, and Hatley begging them to reach some agreement so that the school could get started again. No agreement has been reached and the situation looks indeed for the frantic efforts of McFadyen, Fry, and others to have sworn to stick by their own convictions. What will come from the rumblings of this time can only tell, for the situation is a grave one, and it is yet in sight.

## Students Urged To Stop At Bar

snack bar, being sponsored by the four study halls, the chemistry department, and the home ec. department. Recently been erected in the study hall.

Miss Morton, who is head of the committee of sponsors, explained that the reason for the bar is the fact that since there is a tremendous amount of time between the early hours, most students eat breakfast and lunch, and then from the termination of the day, it is almost impossible for pupils to study properly because of the lack of nourishment.

"I believe," says Miss Morton, "it is the best thing that has been done in years. Just the faces of the students they drink Four Roses Cola and Teague Cakes is pay-ment enough for all my efforts in building the bar."

The bar offers a variety of refreshments—Four Roses Cola and Teague Cakes. In order to keep the bar at a minimum, the home department is formulating the drinks and the home department is making...

Proceeds raised are being turned to the Free Cigarettes and Charitable organization to help all poor students who cannot bum cigarettes off anyone else during the school year.

Students and teachers alike are urged to stop by the bar at ten o'clock and four for the pause that refreshes.

There is no fool like an old fool who never grows up.

## Seniors Given Key to New York

(Special to Fool Moon)

New York, April 1.—Mayor O'Dwyer turned the key to New York over to the president of Albemarle senior class after the students' arrival here Saturday night.

Three buses brought the members of the senior class to New York for a two-weeks stay in the world's largest city, where they will be carried on tours to the points of interest.

After the students had registered at the Waldorf Astoria, they went to the Stork Club, where a banquet was held in their honor. Mayor O'Dwyer made a short welcome speech and presented President Lowder with free passes to all the city's main attractions, including rides on the subways, the elevated, and taxis.

Sunday the students were taken on a boat trip around Manhattan Island. The boat stopped at Bedloe's Island and the Statue of Liberty was inspected. Later they visited Ellis Island, and that night attended a stage show at Rockefeller Center.

After a dinner at the Automat, where Lou Merle found that slugs would not do for nickles, they went to Coney Island, where the evening was spent on the Roller Coaster. No one got sick, much to the disappointment of the owner, who was making no profit, since passes had been issued to the group.

After the group returned to the hotel it was found that the Winecoffs, Buddy Lowder, Jim Ivey, Horace Lowder, and Alex Moorehead were missing. The police were notified and after a long search the boys were found in a side show at Coney Island. George Winecoff's explanation was: "We were enjoying the show and didn't know the group had gone back to the hotel."

Trouble came when the group went to the Zoo. The manager didn't see the students arrive, and when they started to leave an alarm was sounded. The men that worked at the Zoo came running with ropes and nets. They soon had rounded up Gerald Rummage, Tootsie Little, Joe Harwood, Douglas Mabry, and William Haire and put them in a cage. After an investigation was made they were found to be human and set free. The manager apologized and said he hoped it wouldn't happen again.

That night, on a tour through the Empire State Building, Joe Morton and Cecil Hatley got up a bet as to whether you would bounce twice if you jumped from the top. Joe was going to prove that you would until a guard pulled him off the rail by the seat of his pants.

The group will be in the City for 10 more days, but the city officials wonder if the city will outlast the group. It is understood that 40 members of the police force have resigned, the fire department has taken on more men, and selling of fire insurance is booming.

## BULLETIN!

Word has just been received from the seniors spending this week in New York of an unusual experience along the way.

Approaching Washington, Sonny Boone was leading the procession of cars, with speed carefully held to his usual 25 mph.

Suddenly the entire party was surrounded by motorcycle cops, demanding drivers licenses and all possible credentials, even going so far as to search the students and their luggage.

Miss Matheson and Nancy Glover protested, expecting to overawe the cops by superior size. When this failed, Betty Lee Mc-

## Identity Sought



### Officials Puzzled Over Odd Arrival Of Amnesia Victim

A motorcycle with the California license plate No. 17787 drew up to the front of AHS a few days ago and a strange young man dressed in an unusual uniform fell off the vehicle and entered the lobby of the high school, where he announced that he had just completed a non-stop journey from sunny California.

When Mr. Mac noticed the tired look on the face of the youth he invited him into the office for a drink. Here he tried to compel the boy to reveal some of the facts about the trip. The only thing he succeeded in discovering was that this boy knows nothing—absolutely, except that he loves to ride a motorcycle and has just completed a long, tiresome trip. Every time Mr. Mac inquired his name, the boy seemed to go into a daze and mumble about the atomic theory.

These queer actions frightened Mr. Mac, so Mr. Hatley was called in to make a thorough investigation of the subject. A very elaborate procedure was followed and Mr. Hatley concludes that this boy is an amnesia victim who evidently was so brilliant in his youth that when scientists heard of his great interest in chemistry they hired him to work on the atomic bomb. Because the FBI is searching for a distinguished atomic scientist, who is supposedly being held by the Communists, Mr. Hatley is basing his theory on these facts.

After one look at the boy, Coach Webb stated, "It's plain to see that this boy is a sissy and a bookworm and has never participated in sports of any type."

In a speech to the senior class on Friday morning the victim reported that he had a wonderful trip across the nation and has enjoyed the companionship of all the beautiful girls in Albemarle for the past week.

After the speech some FBI authorities arrived and immediately took the boy with them to their state headquarters at New London where he will be examined and the facts of his identity will be revealed.

All Albemarle awaits the news!

Queen, Jane Redwine, and Anne Johnson tried their coquetry.

Cecil Hatley and Joe Morton came into the fray, certain that their experience in handling Mr. Mac on the subject of afternoon "cuts" would enable them to out-argue a mere cop, but they too failed.

The cops ordered the caravan forward, but kept them surrounded. Four cops lead the way.

Into the city they rode and finally drew up before a big white house. They recognized President Truman coming toward them with outstretched hands.

Yes, so concerned was the President with the South's reception of his F. E. P. C. proposal that he had decided on this gesture of conciliation in a desperate attempt to win the Southern vote.

## Chorus Gets Opera Contract

### Beauties Accept Movie Contracts

Maveleen Scarboro, Anita Ledbetter, and Jean Bowers, Albemarle High's beauty queens, have signed long term contracts with studios in Hollywood and will leave for the movie metropolis the day after graduation.

Although Maveleen did not win the title of Miss North Carolina, her being at Wilmington brought favorable results. Bill Mason, the well known comedian, was touring the South searching for a leading lady for his new comedy "This Crazy World," and stopped at Wilmington for the contest. The moment he saw Maveleen he knew that his search was over. Acting for M-G-M (Morton-Gaskin-Milton) Studios, he persuaded her to sign an eleven-year contract with the studios.

Anita will not have to go through the usual procedure of taking a screen test because of the short movie made of the Charlotte Christmas Festival in which she took part. Douglas Phillips, talent scout for Winecoff Brothers Studios, saw the movie, and finding her after some delay, he persuaded her to sign a ten-year contract with the provision that she be allowed to make at least three pictures a year for other studios. Anita's first picture will be "I Love You"; and Harry Cook, the great lover, is to be her leading man.

Perhaps everyone noticed the helicopter hovering over the Christmas parade which was held at Albemarle. Jean led the procession; and as she passed under the helicopter, her lilting voice floated up to the man, a talent scout, in it. After the parade he revealed that he was Bill Fesperman, well-known talent scout for 19th Hundred-Wolf Studios and talked her into signing a contract with his studios to make at least three musicals a year for eight years. In her first musical, "Song of the Night" she will be costarred with L. C. London, the widely-known singer and dancer.

## Teague Will Erect Lounge and Bar

Plans to convert the home economics room into a modern, convenient lounge, with smoking lodge and bar have been completed by Little and Rummage, Albemarle's outstanding architects, and submitted to Miss Teague for her approval.

Money for this project was raised by the Monogram Club in two performances of the classic play, "April Fools," starring Shotgun Talbert and Chunk Barringer. The club netted \$5,000 in two nights. The remaining \$5,000 was given to the school by E. C. Haley. Miss Teague feels that \$10,000 should be enough to complete the lounge.

All students will be required to spend the minimum of one hour daily in the lounge in leisure. Any student caught not smoking will be sent immediately to the principal and subject to a fine of \$5.00 or writing a 1,000 word theme on "Why I Should Smoke." Mrs. Fay Stovall and Miss Dorothy Spears will have charge of keeping the ashes and cigarette butts on the floor. Miss Spears will give instructions on proper beauty treatments and the new look, while Mrs. Stovall explains the art of blowing both square and round smoke rings.

Drinks will be mixed by Miss Harrison, expert mixer from Chicago, and served from 8:30 A. M. to 3:10 P. M.

Students may be excused from class any time they feel like dancing. A juke box, in which slugs are substituted for nickels, has been provided by the super-

### Austin, Lowder, Hinson Have Special Offers From Radio.

Unofficial reports from the District Contest which was held in Charlotte at 3:00 Friday morning state that the A. H. S. Mixed Chorus was offered a ninety-nine-year contract by the Metropolitan Opera Company; however, Mr. Fry blushes in shame to admit that this is the only thing they accomplished with such excellent singing.

The group arrived about 4:00 in the morning and naturally at that time of day they were in a singing mood, so they floated on the stage and gave a perfect rendition of the opera, "Lucia di Lammermoor" by Donizetti. The judges' stern, hard faces were pictures of ecstasy, then melancholy; that is, before they passed out. When Mary Louise Elder began the solo part, every person in the audience fainted. Mary Louise says she is glad they did because the music was so high that she was able to sing only half of it.

The group had not left the stage when Mr. Pete Metropolitan, manager of the Metropolitan Opera Company, rushed forward and begged them to sign; and when Mr. Met. heard the romantic bass voice of Ted Austin, he declared, "Lawrence Melchoir will never be seen in my operas as long as Ted exists."

Then when Frances Hinson sang her alto solo, he utterly swooned and said that if she would dye her hair blonde she could have Helen Jepson's place in all the operas. Of course, Frances would never consent to that.

Not only in opera has the Mixed Chorus become famous, but on radio and screen as well. Larry Lowder received a letter requesting him to come to Hollywood and replace Jo Stafford. "Well, after all," he explains, "they've only heard me sing once."

Since Eugene Burris speaks French so fluently, he received a wire asking him to replace Jean Sablan on his radio program. Eugene refused because, as he says, "It might result in some international difficulty between France and America."

Bing Crosby personally wrote a letter to Max Aldridge and explained how much better voice he (Max) has and says that he is turning over his share of everything in Hollywood to Max. If it had not been that Bing's five boys were included, Max would have accepted.

If Mr. and Mrs. Fry can find someone to buy their house on East Main they are going to Hollywood too. Mr. Fry has been convinced that he has a better voice than Frank Sinatra. (Girls all over the nation will be swooning over a new crooner soon.)

Bill Ridenhour applied for a job with the Briarhoppers a couple of years ago with no success, but when the chorus made such a fine showing, he was offered \$10,000 to sign a contract with them. However, Bill contends that hill-billy music is so beautiful that his voice couldn't do it justice, so he will continue his voice lessons in order to tour Europe some day and show the world what wonderful voices come from AHS.

intendent of city schools, who believes that dancing is far more important than any lesson.

Remodeling will begin as soon as February has 30 days.

## NEW CLUB FORMED

A Knitters Club has been recently organized in AHS by members of Men Musicians Union, who claim that if the Monogram club won't award them sweaters for representing the school, they'll knit their own.